

Belfast National Bank
East corner of Main and Beaver Streets,
originally facing Post Office Square
Belfast
Waldo County
Maine

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BELFAST NATIONAL BANK

Address: East corner of Main and Beaver Streets, originally facing Post Office Square, Belfast, Waldo County, Maine.

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Present Owner: Belfast National Bank.

Present Occupants: First floor, Dinsmore Shoe Store and George's Beauty Salon; second floor: Selective Service Office.

Brief Statement of Significance: This is an example of a small office building from the 1870's.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original owner: Belfast National Bank
2. Date of erection: 1878-1879--occupied in June 1879.
3. Architect: George M. Harding, of Boston.
4. Builder: Israel Wood Parker, of Belfast.
5. Notes on alterations and additions: 1891--the building was extended along Main Street with the addition of two bays on the east to make its present size. 1896-1897--a vault weighing about 50 tons was installed and a general renovation of the banking rooms took place. The ground floor has been remodeled for the present uses, and the original entrance which was at the narrow west end of the building facing Post Office Square has been closed and changed into windows.
6. Important old views: There are two photographs of the building reproduced in Williamson and Johnson, History of the City of Belfast in the State of Maine, vol. II, facing p. 212. One photograph, taken between 1879 and 1888 shows the original building before the addition of 1891. The other photograph, taken between 1891 and 1913 shows the enlarged building.
7. Sources of information: Joseph Williamson and Alfred Johnson, History of the City of Belfast in the State of Maine, Volume II (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1913), pp. 212-213.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: This is a small, two-and-a-half-story brick business building, typical of the 1870's.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Over-all dimensions: The original building, an irregular triangular shape, 29' on Main Street (north side), 38' on Beaver Street (southwest side), about 31' on the rear (southeast side), with a 9' front on Post Office Square (northwest side); original building extended on the rear, about 15' on Main Street. Two-and-a-half stories high.
2. Foundations: Granite.
3. Wall construction: Brick with stone trim.
4. Chimneys: Original chimney with patterned brick face and carved stone cap on north side. Brick chimneys with corbeled caps at the rear.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Original entrance pavilion at the northwest corner facing Post Office Square, carved stone trim around doorways; doors now replaced by windows.
 - b. Windows: Modern store windows on first floor. Double hung windows on second floor, two-light sash, carved stone lintels on brackets.
6. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Mansard roof, intersecting gables over original entrance pavilion. Slate covering, iron ridge cresting.
 - b. Cornice: Molded and bracketed stone cornices. Elaborate stone finials and copings on gables.
 - c. Dormers: Gabled dormers with pointed, arched windows.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: Stores on the first floor opening off Main Street on the north. Stairway from the north side leads to small central hallway on the second floor with one office on the east and one on the west.

2. Stairways: Simple, enclosed wood stair in later part of building leads to second floor from entrance on Main Street.

3. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster walls and ceilings. Simple vertical board wainscot.

4. Doors: Wood panel doors; mitered, molded wood door trim.

D. Site: The buildings are set on a triangular lot in the business section of Belfast.

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CORNER VIEW, BOTH STREET ELEVATIONS

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